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Group offers \$10,000 for US black teen's killer

SANFORD, Florida (AFP) - A black political group offered a \$10,000 reward Saturday for the killer of an African-American teenager, amid a nationwide uproar which has prompted a rethink of America's race issues.

The New Black Panther Party (NBPP) displayed a wanted poster on its website with a picture of George Zimmerman, the neighborhood watch volunteer who fatally shot Trayvon Martin, 17, last month.

"WANTED!!! For the murder of Trayvon Martin... ALIVE, not dead or harmed," the poster read.

Several dozen supporters of the group, which is unrelated to the revolutionary Black Panther Party that was active in the 1960s-1980s, protested for the third time last week at the police headquarters in Sanford, Florida.

"An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth," leader Mikhail

Muhammad told the Orlando Sentinel. "We don't hate anyone, we hate injustice."

The NBPP group has called for the mobilization of 5,000 black men to capture Zimmerman. Muhammad said the organization was receiving donations from black entertainers and athletes, with a goal to collect \$1 million by this week.

Sanford police told AFP

they were ignoring the NBPP's call to capture Zimmerman, a white Hispanic.

Thousands of demonstrators have marched in at least 10 US cities to express their outrage over the attack, with some of the anger directed at local authorities handling the murder investigation.

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Plenipotentiary Minister receives Manual on Morphology of Papiamentu



THE HAGUE -- On March 6th at the Aruba House in Holland, Ramon Todd Dandare presented the Manual of the Morphology of Papiamentu to Aruba's Plenipotentiary Minister in the Hague. Mr. Alwin Toppenberg who witnessed the presentation also received a copy.

On the occasion, Ramon Todd Dandare, who is a member of the commission that worked on the Manual, indicated that after this Manual another Manual is ex-

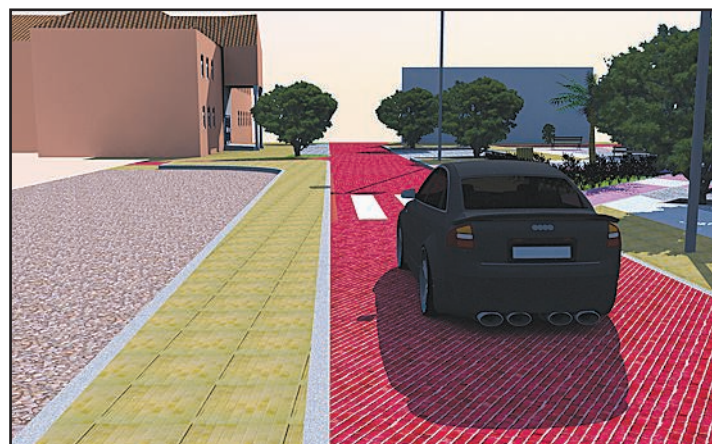
pected to follow which will focus on the Syntax of Papiamentu. A group of experts from the Department of Education is diligently engaged in producing that other Manual expected to be completed by end of the year.

Minister Abath thanked Ramon Todd Dandare for the gift of the Manual and wished the commission much success with their endeavor to complete the Manual on the Syntax of Papiamentu.

Citizens learn of the beautification of the Village

Last Wednesday evening a large turnout of citizens came to learn about what is being planned by the government for the beautification and changes of the 21 barrios on the island, and specifically to be informed about the changes for Village in San Nicolaas.

Last Wednesday's meeting was the first gathering of an information evening organized by the Barrio Team. At the occasion Ing. Raffy Kock, member of the Infra Team of the Ministry of Infrastructure, led the session. Kock explained the different aspects of the renovation of the infrastructure and the social process encompassed in the process which is scheduled to be completed by year's end.



the homes and the street. There will be wider streets and even plants along the way for eventual shade.

Different public areas will be given attention and beautification. Among these will be a Village Plaza to be situated in

will be constructed above the Texas building at the end of the Promenade, which is expected to improve the flow of traffic. Wider sidewalks will also improve the passage of pedestrians in the area.

The presentation was replete with many questions and answers. Citizens inquired about the direction of traffic and Mr. Kock together with Mr. Halley of the San Nicolaas Police station answered the many questions. The organizers of the evening also entertained many suggestions and critical observations from citizens and business people from the San Nicolaas area.

All in all, they claim that it was a very productive evening, professionally presented and coordinated. They were especially pleased with the assistance received from the Post Office and the National Public Library. Stichting Vision Nobo Juana Morto Complex provided the chairs for this first of various information evenings.



An indepth explanation of the changes to be enacted in the Village was presented. They illustrated what the actual situation is now, and how this barrio is isolated from traffic. But, how the new situation will make this barrio more accessible from the Promenade, Torenstraat and/or Teaterstraat through the use of a rotonde (round about).

One of the major changes will be the change of the direction of traffic from Sint Maartenstraat to the direction to the new round about. They will be 'balansing' the road with wider sidewalks between

front of the Post Office, an area around the Basketball Court, a terrace near the Saco di Felipe, and the roundabout to regulate the traffic entering the Sint Maartenstraat. The roundabout



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Economic experts meet in Cayman to discuss future of Caribbean

Last week a select delegation of top Caribbean professionals and economic experts met to discuss strategies for improving the competitiveness, and re-positioning Caribbean island economies in a new global order. The meetings were hosted by the Government of the Cayman Islands, including the Ministry of Education & Employment, and the Ministry of Finance, Tourism & Development.

During the expert panel consultations consisting of government, industry and university experts, delegates shared their insights on the perils, progress and prospects for small island economies in the Caribbean. Aruba, as the

only Dutch Caribbean island, was part of the select group of experts, and was represented by Prof. Dr. Ryan Peterson, professor at the University of Aruba, and president of the National Council for Innovation & Competitiveness.

Authorities on government, industry, competitiveness and innovation in the Caribbean included Aruba, Antigua, Belize, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Cayman Islands, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Guadeloupe, Puerto Rico, Trinidad & Tobago, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The USA and Canada as primary trading partners were also present. The experts underscored the importance and

urgency of principles and policies to create a more resilient Caribbean, especially with the emergence of new global markets and technologies.

The strategies which were discussed, seek to invest in high-quality higher education; improve labor productivity; strengthen the establishment of effective institutions; promote transparency in government administration; improve macro-economic and financial diligence; prioritize development of human capital; drive a modern trade infrastructure; improve access to capital; stimulate entrepreneurship; promote climate change adaptation and coastal zone management; and realize energy

efficiency and green energy systems.

Prof. Peterson emphasized that without fundamental rethinking, reform, and resilient innovation in our institutions, involving governments, markets and society, many of the foregoing items will remain platitudes and 'policy on paper'.

"Our region faces significant challenges and, except for a handful of Caribbean islands, our collective regional track record for the past decades has not really been impressive nor innovative. As we face a new normal of volatility and opportunity, it is time for us to get rid of island stigmas, get our 'island acts' together, create and

capture the momentum, and strategically seize this decade. We might be small, but we have to be, above all else, smart and sustainable", Peterson emphasized.

This Caribbean competitiveness platform of governments, the private sector, academia and civil society, will enable the definition and implementation of a shared medium- and long-term agenda with a series of priorities and actions that can be developed to improve competitiveness. The Caribbean platform is set to meet in Colombia later this year at the Americas forum to discuss and report on progress made and future programs.

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Latest MINI Cooper models now on display at the Ultimate Automobiles showroom



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Jacinta shows off the new Mini Countryman

Ultimate Automobiles sale representative Jacinta Kelly proudly showed off the four new MINI Cooper models that just rolled out onto the showroom floor. For decades, the name MINI Cooper has been associated with chic,


high style jet setters; a unique and economic car that demonstrated the owners wisdom and good taste. Since being acquired by Bavarian Motor Works, BMW, some years ago, they also boast the design expertise and safety

standards of what is considered one of the worlds finest and most coveted cars.

A bright blue classic MINI Cooper, judged by U.S. News reports as one of the top most affordable small cars in the States, is a statement of one's individuality and daring in design. There are two models of the larger Cabriolet, a sedan and sporty red convertible, appealing for their practicality as well as style.


Finally, the celebrated MINI Cooper Countryman, their SUV designed with families and their needs in mind, completes the roster of these very individualistic and fun autos. The new models offer Mini Cooper economy and sturdy BMW chassis, to combine practicality and style sense in sizes and options to fit the needs of a diversity of drivers.

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Cas Animal Cont'd Older dogs make great companions

As much as Kiki Arndt, the founder of Cas Animal Foundation, would love to find good, permanent homes for all the stray, abandoned and abused dogs and puppies she has taken into her strictly no-kill shelter, she knows it isn't always possible, especially with the older dogs.

However, the idea that only puppies are adoptable has been disproved by Frank and June from Canada, who for the six months they spend on Aruba every winter, took in one of the old-timers in Kiki's care, Max, AKA "Grandpa." Most dogs that have survived on the streets and then experience kindness and affection can learn to overcome their tendency to shy away from people; Max is such a dog, appreciating and reciprocating the love and attention he receives from Frank and June; they consider him a wonderful companion and he will return with him to Canada very soon..

Kiki has another older dog that could be an excellent companion for someone who does not think they have the time or patience to deal with a rambunctious new puppy in need of housebreaking. Grandma Susie was living on the streets, being fed regularly by Kiki thanks to the sponsorship of

regular island visitor, John Di Glacinto. He met the dog while out jogging one morning, and would bring her something to eat each morning, and then check her and take her water in the afternoon.

He cannot adopt Susie, though he would certainly like to, because he is on the road constantly.

Kiki has taken Grandma Susie off the street and is sheltering her, as there appears to be an epidemic of distemper killing off the dogs left to wander unchecked. If you are interested in giving her, or one of the many other mature dogs in Kiki's care a home, call her at 742-8732. You can also report an animal in need of assistance, as she maintains an Animal Ambulance to rescue them.

The expenses of Cas Animal for feeding the more than 100 dogs and puppies Kiki shelters are astronomical, as



Oma Susie

well as her veterinary bills. You can also help by paying on the Cas Animal Foundation account at the Contreras Clinics in Shaba or Savaneta, or to Animal Care Clinic, phone number 582-8382, as well as making donations directly to the foundation's account: Cas Animal Foundation, CMB Bank account # 25762110. If you are not an island resident and wish to adopt a dog, Kiki will assist you in the process, as it is much easier to return to the U.S. with an Aruban dog than you might think, and any would be examined and certified by a qualified vet to pass quarantine standards prior to departure.

by Rosalie Klein

Mrs. Damrau wins at Palm Beach Casino at the Westin Resort!



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Dutch monarchy loses last remaining political power

THE HAGUE -- The Dutch monarchy has been stripped of its last remaining political power – the entitlement to become actively involved in the formation of coalition governments – in a landmark decision by parliament which will be noted by royal families all over Europe.

In a low-key vote, the minority coalition government of Liberals and Christian Democrats, supported by the fundamentalist Christian Unity party, was overrun by an unlikely coalition of Labour, the Freedom Party, the Socialists, social democrats D66, the Greens and the animal rights party.

The decision will make a substantial difference to the

way Dutch coalitions are formed. Up to now, and as recently as 2010, the monarch appointed a go-between – an informateur – who brought the parties together, set the talks in motion, and reported back to the queen and the caretaker prime minister. Parliament will now appoint one of its members to orchestrate the talks, which will be held without reference to the monarch, until a workable coalition has emerged, a program for government is agreed and a prime minister-designate chosen. At that point, as in the UK, the monarch will rubber-stamp the outcome.

Despite opposition from the prime minister, Mark Rutte, the decision in principle to

“modernise” the monarchy was taken by the opposition parties following a debate last September. A text agreeable to all sides emerged last week – though the process may have been delayed due to the skiing accident in February that left Prince Friso (43) in a coma.

The change was prompted by suggestions the queen might soon abdicate in favour of her eldest son, Crown Prince Willem-Alexander (44).

However, there were also suggestions that during the formation of the current government, Queen Beatrix had “made every effort” to keep Freedom Party leader Geert Wilders out of a position of influence in the deal-making process.

Latest MINI Cooper models...

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Obama's disbelief after staring into N. Korea

DEMILITARISED ZONE, South Korea(AFP) - After squinting through binoculars into a nation frozen in time, US President Barack Obama reeled off a contempt-laden and startlingly frank indictment of North Korea.

The Stalinist remnant of the Cold War was, in Obama's eyes, nothing but a nation which cannot make "anything of any use", "doesn't work", and even its vaunted weapons exports were hardly state of the art.

"It is like you are in a time warp," Obama said yesterday, after he toured a rocky border post in the demilitarised buffer zone that has split the Korean peninsula for longer than he has been alive.

"It is like you are looking across 50 years into a country that has missed 40 years or 50 years of progress," Obama marvelled later, after taking a helicopter back to teeming, prosperous Seoul, just 25 miles (40 kilometres) away.

Obama, who is locked in his first showdown with the North's new leader Kim Jong-Un over a planned rocket launch, stood behind a bullet proof screen four inches thick and surveyed rocky hills and wooded slopes in North Korea.



US President Barack Obama looks through binoculars towards North Korea from Observation Post Ouellette. (AFP)

He gazed over a windswept no man's land between the two nations, split by a brutal Cold War conflict six decades ago, after his armoured SUV took a road through a minefield and tank traps.

Then he turned to his left, and looked out across bare fields to a huge North Korean flag -- flying at half-mast to remember late leader Kim Jong-Il, who died in December leaving his youthful and untested son in charge.

Behind the flag were simple low military buildings, and in the distance a town could just

be picked out in the haze, but there was no sign of North Koreans who live hungry, isolated and cut off from the 21st Century.

Later, Obama shared his observations with reporters as he held a joint press conference with South Korea's President Lee Myung-Bak, on the eve of a major nuclear summit in Seoul.

And he seemed unable to process the logic of three generations of leaders who had kept their people imprisoned, impoverished and in thrall to successive personality cults.

Chavez arrives in Cuba for more cancer treatment

HAVANA (AFP) - Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez arrived in Cuba early yesterday for a new round of cancer treatment, following his surgery here earlier this year to remove a malignant tumor, media reports said.

Chavez said in a message broadcast on radio and television before his departure that he would begin his course of radiation treatment yesterday

and that it likely would take "four or five weeks."

Officials in Caracas have never specified what type of cancer the president is suffering from, but they have denied the disease has spread to other organs.

Chavez said the radiation therapy would be applied to the same areas where he had surgery, without specific details.

Group offers \$10,000 for US black teen's killer

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They have not arrested or charged Zimmerman because he claimed self-defense, which allowed him to benefit from Florida's "Stand Your Ground" law that lets state residents use lethal force when they are at risk of being killed or seriously injured by an assailant. Zimmerman had a permit to carry a gun.

Meanwhile, in a separate event in Washington Saturday unrelated to the New Black Panther Party protest, at least 1,000 protesters -- many in black hoodies, some with bags of Skittles candy like the one Martin bought before he was shot -- gathered Saturday in the heart of the US capital to demand justice.

"This is bigger than you think it is," said comedian Dick Gregory, an icon of the Civil Rights movement, who said he suspected that the full story of Martin's death has yet to come to light.

"Don't waste your time with anger until you get the whole truth... Stop being emotional and start demanding answers," he said.

"We must fight to change the notion in this country that simply being a black man is a problem," said Rashawn Davis of the Georgetown University chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

"When I see all these angry faces, I want you to take this energy and put it in your heart



George Zimmerman

and use it for fuel to change the country. All of us has to change the racist paradigm in the country," he told AFP, adding that his group is in no way affiliated with the NBPP.

Police at the scene estimated the crowd at 1,000, while organizers put the figure at around 3,000, a day after a vigil for Martin in the capital's low-income Anacostia district.

Despite the racially charged nature of the case, Zimmerman's lawyer insisted his client was not racist.

Sonner said Zimmerman and his wife acted as mentors to two teenaged African Americans, even after funding was cut for the program.

They have also helped at a fundraiser for an African-American church, according to the lawyer.

President Barack Obama has called for nationwide "soul searching" in the wake of the tragedy.

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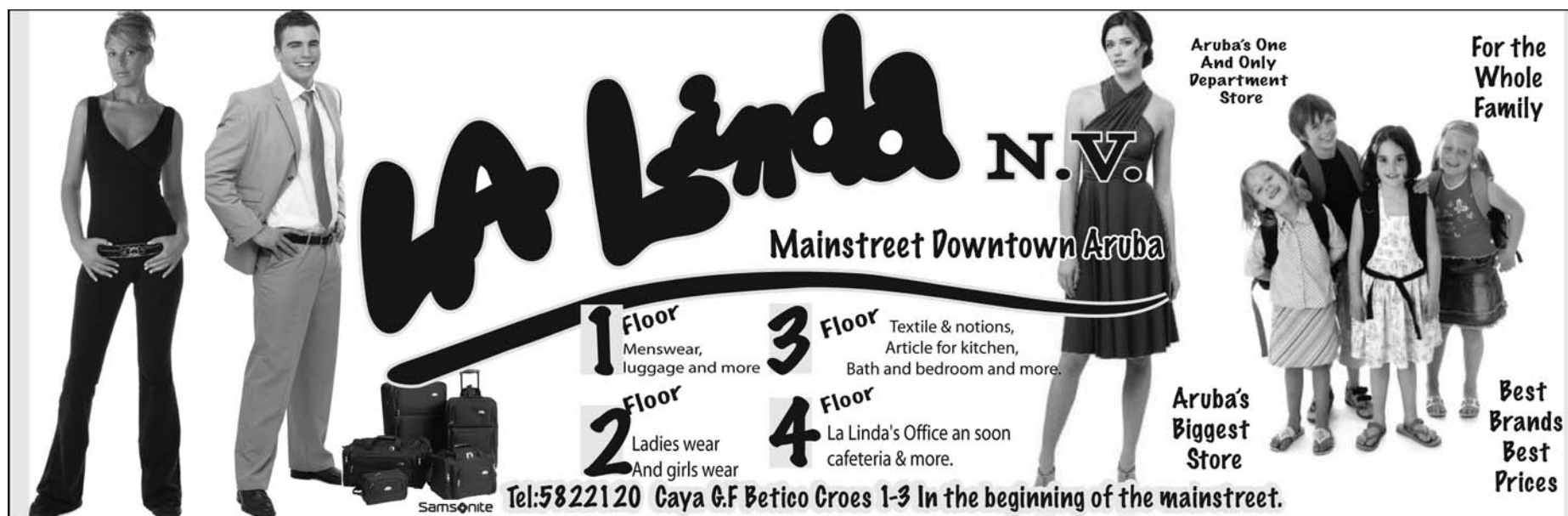
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Santorum vows to defeat Romney after Louisiana win

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Republican presidential hopeful Rick Santorum said yesterday his latest victory on the campaign trail shows he can beat frontrunner Mitt Romney and secure the crucial swing states that decide US elections.

Santorum swept the southern state of Louisiana with 49

percent of the vote on Saturday, easily defeating Romney (26.7 percent), former House speaker Newt Gingrich (15.9 percent), and Texas congressman Ron Paul (6.1 percent).

But the comfortable triumph barely dented Romney's commanding advantage in the race to secure the Republican

nomination to take on incumbent Democrat Barack Obama in a November 6 general election.

Santorum has vowed to fight all the way to the Republican convention in August if Romney has not by then won the 1,144 delegates needed to clinch the nomination.

French gunman's brother charged with complicity

PARIS (AFP) - Abdelkader Merah, brother of the Islamist gunman who killed seven people in southwest France, was charged yesterday with complicity in the murders and remanded in custody, a judicial source said.

The older brother of Mohamed Merah has also been indicted for involvement in preparing a terrorist attack, the source said, as well as the theft

of a scooter used in the shootings that shocked France.

Merah, 23, killed three soldiers, three Jewish schoolchildren and a trainee rabbi in a series of attacks this month. He claimed to be an Al-Qaeda member killing to avenge Palestinian children and to punish France for sending troops to Afghanistan.

Merah died in a hail of police bullets after a 32-hour

siege at his Toulouse apartment.

Police and prosecutors have described the killer's elder brother, 29, as a more radical Islamist. He has told investigators he was "proud" of Mohamed, but denied any involvement in the attacks.

The judicial source said four anti-terror judges have been assigned to the case.

Russia says Annan offers last chance for Syria

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russian President Dmitry Medvedev warned yesterday that Kofi Annan represented the last chance for avoiding a civil war in Syria and offered the UN-Arab League envoy Moscow's

full support.

Medvedev's stark message to Moscow's traditional ally came only hours after US President Barack Obama announced plans to send "non-lethal" aid to the Syrian rebels

and new waves of violence swept the battle-scarred country.

Russia has been facing mounting Western and Arab calls to step up pressure and stop delivering arms to President Bashar al-Assad's regime after a year of violence that the opposition says has claimed more than 9,100 lives.

Moscow on Wednesday backed a non-binding Security Council statement after vetoing two previous resolutions. But it did so only after making sure the text contained no implicit threat of further action should Assad fail to comply.

Medvedev yesterday appeared to be aiming his words at Assad directly by warning of dire consequences if Damascus ignored Annan's peace plan.

Assad has thus far shown few signs of complying with Annan's peace plan.

Former US VP Cheney gets heart transplant

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Former US vice president Dick Cheney was in hospital yesterday, recovering after a long-awaited and "lifesaving" heart transplant from an unknown donor to whom he will "be forever grateful." Cheney, 71, has a long history of heart trouble. He had been on a list for the transplant for more than 20 months, said a statement from his spokeswoman Kara Ahern.



Relatives of Afghan shooting victims receive compensation

KABUL (AFP) - Relatives of 17 people shot dead in a rampage by a US soldier in southern Afghanistan have been paid tens of thousands of dollars in compensation, a tribal chief and government officials said yesterday.

The money -- provided by the US military -- was handed over at a private ceremony at the Kandahar provincial governor's office, they said.

The killings -- mostly of women and children -- in Panjwai district are thought to be the deadliest crime by a US soldier during the decade-long conflict and have tested Washington and Kabul's already tense relationship to the limit.

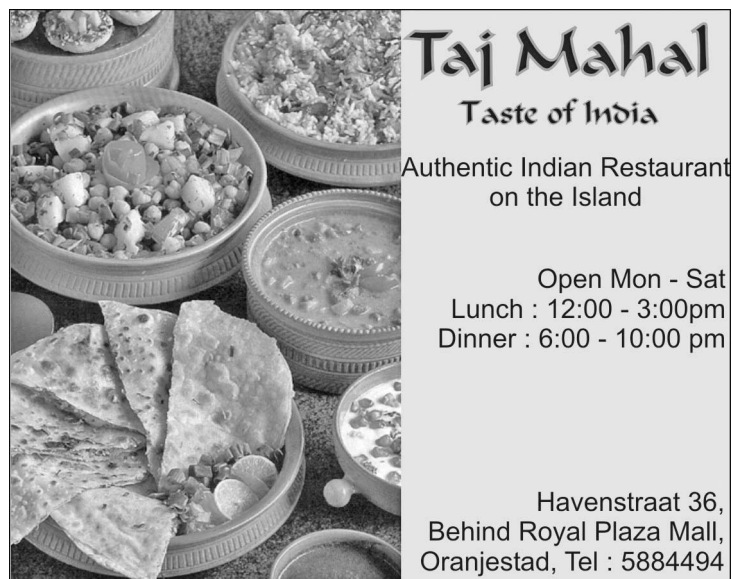
The US is keen to draw a line under the massacre earlier this month as far as it can and

the sums -- around \$900,000 in total -- amount to a fortune in rural Afghanistan.

The payments on Saturday came a day after Staff Sergeant Robert Bales, 38, of the US 2nd Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment, was formally accused of 17 premeditated murders for the killings -- charges that could carry the death penalty.

He is also accused of six counts of assault and attempted murder.

Afghan government officials speaking on condition of anonymity confirmed the payments but differed slightly on the amounts, citing them as 2.3 million Afghanis (\$46,000) each for the families of the dead and 500,000 Afghanis for the injured.



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Nepal 'werewolf' family to be treated in Kathmandu



Nepalese woman Devi Budathoki (C) with her children Mandira (L), Niraj (2nd R) and Manjura (R)

KATHMANDU (AFP) - A family suffering from a rare genetic condition in which hair grows all over the face arrived in the Nepalese capital of Kathmandu on Sunday for treatment of their "werewolf-like" appearance.

Devi Budathoki, 37, her daughters, aged 13 and five, and 12-year-old son say they have endured constant humiliation because of hypertrichosis, which causes hair to sprout between their eyes and across their brows.

"My children have talked about a new life ever since we received word that the hospital was going to treat us," said Budathoki, a farmer from the remote northwestern village of Khare, near the border with the Tibetan border.

Sufferers from hypertri-

chosis, also known as "werewolf syndrome", have in previous centuries been used as freakshow performers at circuses.

"My son is fed up with the mockery he is subjected to and he has told his friends that he will be back with a new face so they can no longer tease him. More than myself, I'm worried about my children," Budathoki told AFP.

Budathoki and her husband Nara also have a seven-year-old son and 17-year-old daughter who have not been affected by the condition.

"The best procedure for them will be laser treatment to remove the hair," said Shankar Man Rai, a surgeon at the Kathmandu Model Hospital who will supervise their treatment.

Merck blood thinner shows mixed results: study

(AFP)-- An experimental blood thinning drug made by the pharmaceutical giant Merck may reduce the risk of dying from a heart attack but also boosts the danger of internal bleeding, researchers said recently.

The latest data further clouds the future for Vorapaxar, an anti-platelet medicine that works differently than aspirin or the popular blood thinner coumadin, and which Merck had hoped might one day be a new blockbuster drug.

Vorapaxar was tested in combination with standard therapy in a phase III trial

presented at a major cardiology conference in Chicago.

Adding the drug could reduce the risk of dying from a future heart attack or stroke by as much as 20 percent in people who had a previous heart attack, but it also significantly hiked the risk of hemorrhage, the study said.

While heart attack patients showed the best results, among all the patients studied -- including those with a prior history of stroke or peripheral artery disease -- the drug offered an additional 13 percent reduction in the risk of dying from a heart attack or stroke within three years.

However, patients in the trial who suffered a previous stroke and took vorapaxar had significantly more hemorrhage events after three years -- 4.2 percent of those on the drug versus 2.5 percent taking a placebo.

The risk of bleeding on the brain was highest in prior stroke victims, meaning that if approved for market the drug would not likely be advised for these patients.

In fact, stroke patients involved with the Merck-funded study were told in January 2011 to leave early by the safety board after the acute risks emerged.

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Want a healthy snack? Consider passing the popcorn. A new study says the whole-grain treat contains more of the "good for you" antioxidants called polyphenols than some fruits or vegetables. The amount of

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SCI-TECH

Global cyber anti-garbage drive shifts into gear

(AFP) -- Cyber-environmentalists said 80 countries have joined the World Cleanup 2012 campaign which will see volunteers across the globe use the Internet to target illegal trash dumps for cleanup.

Portugal and Slovenia kicked off the unprecedented six-month-long global anti-dumping campaign on Saturday, with Tunisia joining in yesterday.

"The aim of the action is to solve the illegal dumping problem on a local and global level both short- and long-



term by engaging a large part of society in the cleanup," Tiina Urm, World Cleanup 2012 spokeswoman told AFP. Urm added that the broad

grassroots focus on illegal dumping was also aimed at "engaging experts, political and local leaders to find more sustainable systemic solutions."

The campaign started in 2008 in Estonia, where organisers created special software to map and photograph 11,000 illegal garbage dumps across the Nordic nation of 1.3 million people.

In what proved to be an unprecedented success, over 50,000 volunteers collected 10,000 tonnes of illegal garbage from roadsides, forests and towns in just five hours.

Organisers decided to go global after the campaign spread like wildfire to 15 more countries including India, Slovenia, Serbia, Finland, Romania, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal, Bulgaria, Moldova, Ukraine, Cambodia, Russia, Hungary and Brazil.

"Everyone eager to join can get the list and timetable of the countries attending the action from our homepage: www.letsdoitworld.org/countries", Urm told AFP.

US man gets unforgettable win – in memory contest

NEW YORK (AFP) - Talk about a memorable day: on Saturday mountaineer Nelson Dellis won the USA Memory Championship for the second year in a row.

The Florida man and mountaineering enthusiast outlasted seven other finalists, known in contest circles as mental athletes, at a packed event in New York.

Contestants' hyper-fit brains performed serious gymnastics, including remembering 99 names and faces, a 50-line poem, and the order of a shuffled deck of cards.

Dellis, 27, turned in an unforgettable performance, even smashing his own record in the random numbers category, in which he managed to memorize an amazing 303 figures in five minutes.

The founder of the 15-year-old contest, former IBM executive Tony Dottino, said his goal was to show how brains can be trained and improved, just like any other part of the body.

"Exercising actually helps growing bigger brains," he said. "We have more brain cells that grow through our

life."

Dottino insisted that in this fight, anyone can become a contender.

"Myth number one," he said, is "you're either born with it or not. It's a skill you can practice."

Memory experts use techniques like the "chunk" method, in which different bits of information are tidied up and grouped. A basic example would be to reduce a series of individual numbers into pairs, so 2-0-1-2 becoming twenty twelve.

But Dottino says you also need to feed the brain omega-3 fatty acids, specifically DHA. That's found in fish like salmon and mackerel, or, he pointed out, fortified formulas produced by the contest's sponsor, life'sDHA.

At a minimum, Dottino said, keep away from those comfort foods. "Lots of carbs, starches, refined sugars are bad news," he said.

Jim Kwik, who coaches memory techniques at big corporations, said recall is more important than ever in an age of dizzying amounts of information. But part of his mission is also to teach handling what he calls "overwhelm."

Probe of FB Password Requests Sought

Two U.S. senators will ask the Justice Department to investigate whether employers who require job applicants to hand over confidential passwords to Facebook and other social networking sites are violating federal law, the lawmakers said today.

New York Senator Charles Schumer, the Senate's third-ranking Democrat, and Senator Richard Blumenthal, a Democrat from Connecticut, will ask the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to examine the practice as well.

On Friday, Facebook Inc. (FB), the world's biggest social networking site, said reports that some businesses were asking potential employees for passwords in order to view private posts and pictures as part of the job application process were "alarming."

"Employers have no right to ask job applicants for their house keys or to read their diaries. Why should they be able to ask them for their Facebook passwords?" Schumer said in a press release sent to reporters.

ISS crew takes shelter to avoid passing space junk

(AFP) -- A piece of an old Russian satellite whizzed by the International Space Station on Saturday, forcing its six-member crew to temporarily take shelter in two Soyuz escape capsules, officials said.

The incident was the third of its kind in more than a decade of continuous inhabitation of the orbiter, whose first element was launched by Russia in 1998, the US space agency NASA said in a series

of Twitter updates.

"The threat has passed," a Russian Mission Control Centre official told the Interfax news agency. "The cosmonauts have returned to performing their previously assigned work."

Millions of chunks of metal, plastic and glass are whirling around Earth, the garbage left over from some 4,600 launches since the beginning of space exploration 55 years ago.

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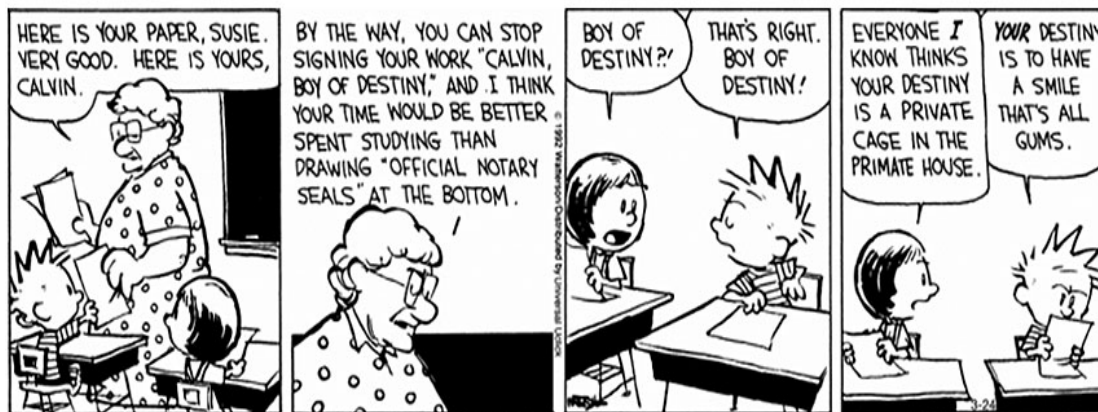
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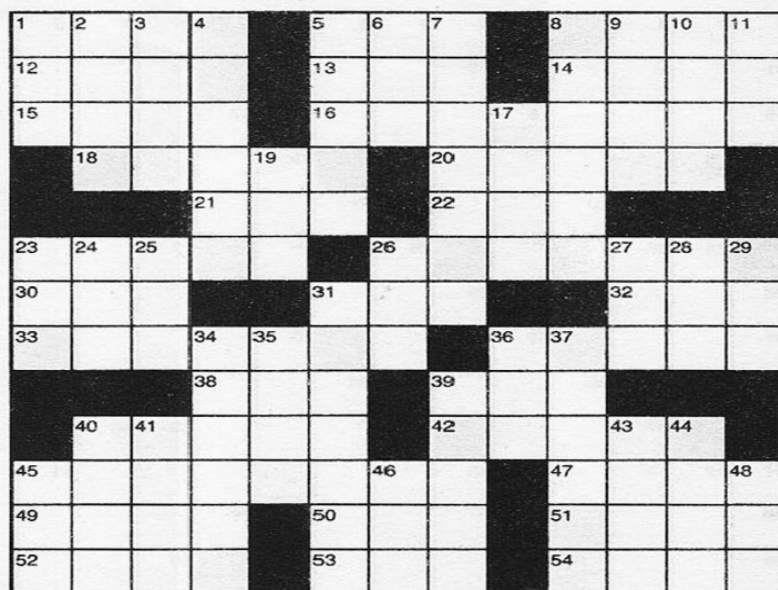
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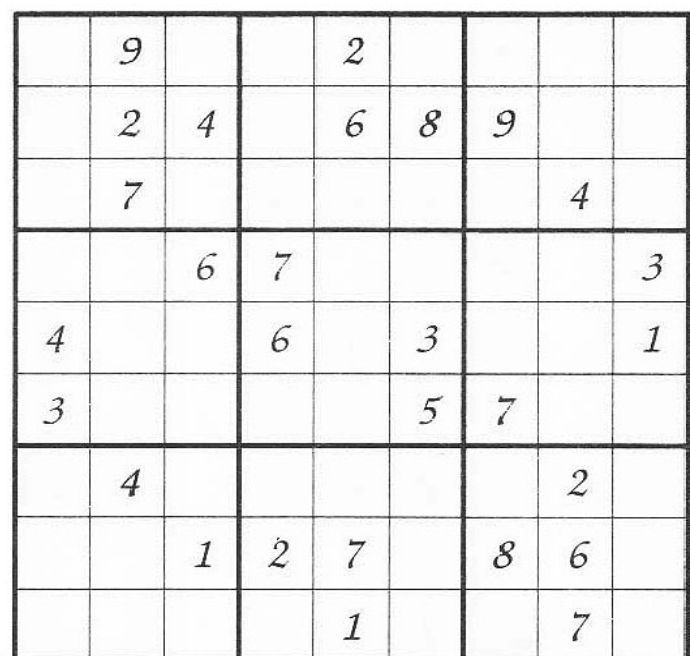
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Boosting eurozone rescue fund would calm markets, says Regling

BERLIN (AFP) - Bolstering the eurozone's bailout fund would reassure the markets as many financial players do not believe the crisis is over, Klaus Regling, the head of the fund has told a German news magazine.

"The majority of market participants do not believe in the end of the crisis and expect further ratings downgrades of states this year," Regling told Focus news weekly to appear today.

"More money would actually further calm the markets. Whether it's right or wrong, it is a fact. Big figures in the shop window create calm," he added, according to a pre-released copy of the interview.

Meanwhile, according to another German news maga-

zine, Der Spiegel, the German government is ready to drop its opposition to combining the current temporary bailout fund with its permanent successor, due to get up and running in July, to bolster its financial firewall.

Citing government sources, it said the government has come round to the European Financial Stability Facility (EFSF), due to expire at the end of 2013, operating with the European Stability Mechanism (ESM), for a transitional period.

However, it remains unclear how much the bolstered firewall would have at its disposal, Der Spiegel said in an advance copy of its report due to be published today.

Two variations on how it would work are under discussion, it added.

The IMF and the United States have called on the eurozone to boost the capacity of the ESM fund from its currently-planned maximum level of 500 billion euros (\$650 billion).

However, Berlin has resisted the calls to increase the war chest, arguing that the debt crisis has calmed down and poses less of a threat to countries like Italy and Spain -- the original reason behind establishing the fund.

Eurozone finance ministers meeting in Copenhagen on March 30-31 are due to discuss the issue.

Venezuela to pay \$420 million to Williams and Exterran

GUIRIA, Venezuela - Venezuela will pay Williams Cos Inc and Exterran \$420 million for the 2009 nationalization of assets including a major gas injection project, the South American country's oil minister said on the weekend.

Rafael Ramirez told reporters the deal meant the two companies would drop an arbitration case that is pending against Venezuela before a World Bank tribunal.

The nationalizations in 2009 were part of a broader wave of state takeovers that targeted the assets of more than 70 smaller oilfield service companies, the majority of them Venezuelan.

Venezuela has about 20 cases pending against it at the World Bank's arbitration tribunal, known as the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes, or ICSID

Finance

Aruba Central Bank conducts Consumer Confidence Survey

ORANJESTAD -- During the period of March 26 through April 12, 2012 the Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) will conduct the first quarterly Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS). The CCS will consist of 20 short multiple choice questions relating to the Aruban population's perception of and expectation on the state of the Aruban economy and on their spending habit.

The CCS will provide the CBA with valuable information that will be used for its macro-economic analyses and forecasts, and will help as well in determining the sentiments of Aruban consumers, which will further the CBA's understanding of economic developments. The CCS may also aid policy makers when determining economic and financial policies and actions.

During this period, the CBA will hire a group of 5 interviewers to survey a total of 400 respondents in order to gather the important data. Interviewers will be stationed at several strategic locations on

the island, such as the civil registry office and the post office, and will carry an identification badge and a notification letter as proof that they are working on behalf of the CBA. Due to the simplicity of the questions (e.g., would you say that you (and your household) are better off or worse off financially than you were 6 months ago?), the interview should not take more than 10 minutes to complete.

Given the importance of the CCS for Aruba, the CBA calls upon the Aruban public to fully cooperate with this survey. The persons interviewed can rest assure that the CBA will treat the information gathered in this survey with the highest level of confidentiality, and the results will be published in an aggregated form only. For further information please contact Ms. Elmelynn Croes (tel. 5252230; e-mail e.croes@cbaruba.org) or Mr. Jonathan Upegui (tel. 5252215; e-mail j.uegui@cbaruba.org) of the Research Department.

Canary Islands oil plan sparks protests



SPAIN, Tenerife: A picture taken on March 24, 2012 shows cranes on the oil rig of the petrol firm Repsol, on the coast of the Spanish Canary island of Tenerife. Spain's deficit-laden government approved on March 16, 2012 oil exploration by Repsol YPF SA off the Canary Islands despite opposition by the archipelago, which fears deterring tourists. Repsol, exploring the area in a consortium with Australia's Woodside Petroleum Ltd. and RWE AG of Germany, has said it hopes to begin drilling within two years. It must first submit an environmental impact report to the government. The regional government of the Canaries has already stated its opposition to the project, fearing damage to the tourism industry. The archipelago is Spain's second most popular tourism destination after Catalonia. (AFP PHOTO)

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UK comedy firm sues Twentieth Century Fox over 'Glee'

LONDON (AFP) - A British chain of comedy clubs has taken Hollywood giant Twentieth Century Fox to court over the name of its hit television series "Glee".

Comic Enterprises, which runs four music and stand-up comedy venues called Glee Club, has made a claim against the US film and TV company for trademark infringement.

The British firm's owner Mark Tughan said many customers assume there is a link between his company and the US series, and that the confusion is damaging his 16-year-old business.

The TV comedy, about a high school singing club, has been wildly popular since its first series in 2009, but Tughan did not start legal proceedings until September in the hope its success would die down.

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Art Critic visiting Aruba from France

The Cede Bial group in Paradera, Aruba, recently received a visit from France in the person of French art critic Michele Dalmace!

Michele Dalmace is currently engaged in a research project on current contemporary Caribbean art. Her research brought her here to Aruba to meet some of Aruba's renowned artists. The participating artists to the first Encuentro Bial di Aruba are: Ciro Abath, Nelson Gonzalez, Glenda Heyliger, Stan Kuiperi, Osaira Muyale, Ryan Oduber and Ken Wolff.

Brief report on Dalmace's visit:

Michele Dalmace reported: "Just recently I travelled to Aruba primarily to expand my knowledge of the work of Alida Martinez, who just recently received an award from the jury of the first Trienal de Arte del Caribe. I had the honor of being president of that jury. Alida's work impacted me and left me with an interest to research her career in my capacity as a specialist in Caribbean art. Also, in connection with a book I'm working on precisely along this particular theme."

During Dalmace's visit she succeeded in visiting and chatting with Ciro Abath, Glenda Heyliger, Osaira Muyale and Ryan Oduber. She wanted to know more about their career, their work and their experiences. Dalmace was able to meet with several other Aruban artists.

Mrs. Dalmace believes that the "Prome Encuentro Bial arte Contemporaneo del Caribe Aruba 2011-2012"



Michele Dalmace and Ciro Abath

is a logical consequence of the development of art on Aruba. She commented: "This is not some artificially created event, but one that responds to an evolution: -the

minican Republic, at the Cuenca, at expositions in Trinidad and in Barbados. Also relevant was the various events like the Mira Asrt in Curacao in 1992. And,



Glenda Heyliger

Martinez of Foundation Insight for the arts-Aruba. Galeria Insight has organized some 30 different expositions since opening their doors.

Publicacion

Dalmace's research will culminate in the publication of a book. At Cede Bial, everyone is anxious to see her publication about Caribbean art. Her publication is expected on the market around the end of 2012. Dalmace is one of the invited critics at the contemporary art exposition of the Caribbean and the symposium to take place in October 2012.



Ryan Oduber



Osaira Muyale

invitation from Utrecht from 32 Aruban artists by Adi Martis, the creation of the Academy of Arts by Elvis Lopez in 1989, and thereafter from the Fundacion Eterno, the Fundacion, the Fundacion Insight for the Arts-Aruba, the Fundacion SINFA, the participation of various artists at the Bial de La Habana around 1898, in the Do-

more recently, the Microcosmos in Washington; and very soon, Caribbean: the Crossroads of the world in New York."

Organization and structure The Fundacion Encuentro Prome Bial di Aruba, will be treated to the experience of the grand professional, Jose Manuel Noceda! and the Cuenca and co-curator Alida

Critics

Other critics invited to participate at this grand event are: Dominique Brebion from Martinique, Orlando Britto Jinorio from Spain, Maria Elena Ditren from the Dom. Republic, Jorge Fernandez Torres from Cuba, Amabel Lopez Menendez from Dom. Republic, Adi Martis from Holland/Aruba, Annie Paul from Jamaica, Jennifer Smith from Curacao, Alison Thompson from Barbados, Yolanda Wood from Cuba, Jose Manuel Noceda Fernandez (main curator).

Art

Adi Martis y Jennifer Smit are the authors of the book: "Arte: Dutch Caribbean Art." "ARTE" is the first publication of visual art of the Dutch Antilles and Aruba with 115 color illustrations representing works of 70 artists. This publication presents a beautiful view of the best works of the islands. The authors Adi Martis and Jennifer Smit, renowned historians of the region, describe the very interesting development which took place on the six Caribbean islands in the last decades.



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Alonso wins rainy, crazy Malaysian GP



Alonso celebrates

SEPANG, Malaysia (AFP) - Ferrari's Fernando Alonso won the rain-interrupted Malaysian Grand Prix in thrilling style Sunday to claim his first victory in eight months and throw the early title race wide open.

Alonso survived a lengthy rain suspension, a rash of spins and mishaps and a strong challenge from Sauber's Sergio Perez to finish the year's second race ahead of the Mexican driver, with McLaren's Lewis Hamilton third.

Spain's Alonso, a two-time world champion, was nobody's pre-race favourite in the clunky F2012, but he emerged from the chaos caused by torrential rains at the head of the pack and doggedly clung on for victory.

"It's an unbelievable result and a great job from the team," Alonso said. "We maximised the potential we had in our hands. It's a tough time for us at the moment but we will remember this Sunday."

Perez pushed hard for his first win and looked set to steal victory from Alonso until he dramatically overshot a turn on lap 50.

But he still managed seal his maiden trip to the podium -- and Sauber's best result since they reverted to the ownership of their founder,

Peter Sauber, in 2009.

"I wanted the win and I thought it was possible," smiled the Mexican, who is rumoured to be in Ferrari's sights to replace the struggling Felipe Massa. "It never happened but I'm very happy and proud with this second place."

Red Bull's Mark Webber was fourth with former world champion Kimi Raikkonen fifth for Lotus. German great Michael Schumacher, who started third on the grid, span early in the race and finished 10th.

But there were no points for McLaren's Jenson Button, who won last week's season-opener in Australia, after he collided with India's Narain Karthikeyan and dropped to the back of the pack, finally coming in 14th.

Red Bull's reigning world champion Sebastian Vettel also endured a torrid day as a spectacular rear tyre blow-out left him in 11th.

After days of mostly dry weather, black clouds rolled over Sepang and the rain fell, right on cue, as the Malaysian anthem was played.

Lotus's young Frenchman Romain Grosjean span into the gravel and out of the race, Mercedes' Nico Rosberg went off-course and Button radioed that the last sector was "like a lake" before the safety car came out on lap seven.

Kagawa stars as leaders Dortmund floor Cologne



Kagawa celebrates during the German first division Bundesliga football match 1

BERLIN (AFP) - Japan's Shinji Kagawa led Borussia Dortmund's fight back to floor Cologne 6-1 on Sunday and restore the defending champions' five-point lead at the top of the German league with seven games left.

After second-placed Bayern Munich's 2-1 home win over Hanover on Saturday had trimmed Borussia's lead to just two points, Dortmund replied in style to score five second-half goals without reply at Cologne.

Dortmund are on course for the domestic double and play Bayern in the German Cup final on May 12 in Berlin.

"We didn't play so well in the first-half, but it was important we got back to 1-1," said Dortmund coach Jurgen Klopp. "After that our opponents had no answer."

Klopp has made a habit of playing down any talk of the title, but he admitted he has big ambitions.

"Rest assured, we want to win anything going, anything," he said.

Kagawa produced a dazzling second-half performance with two goals to take him to 11 for the season.

Unbeaten Garcia clinches WBC title

HOUSTON, Texas (AFP) - Unbeaten Danny Garcia captured the World Boxing Council light welterweight world title with a 12-round unanimous decision over Erik Morales Saturday at the Reliant Arena.

"It's been a long ride. We did it baby," Garcia said. "Everybody wants to be champion. I knew it was going to be a bloody war. I just couldn't let him take my dream away."

Morales, 52-8 with 36 KOs, was stripped of his title when he exceeded the weight of 140 pounds at Friday's weigh-in. Morales was slapped with a \$50,000 fine after stepping on the scales at

He also set up Poland striker Robert Lewandowski for the third, then midfielder Ilkay Gundogan for the fourth.

Victory leaves Dortmund on 62 points with Bayern on 57, while Cologne drop to 14th, just one point from the relegation places.

Germany striker Cacau hit a late winner to seal VfB Stuttgart's 1-0 victory at home to Nuremberg and leave his side just a point from a European berth.

Cacau, set to be part of the Germany squad for Euro 2012 in Poland and Ukraine this June, struck in the 78th minute when he rolled his shot under Nuremberg goalkeeper Raphael Schaefer from 12 metres out.

Bruno Labbadia-coached Stuttgart have now won four of their last five league games and victory sees them rise to seventh in the table, just one point from a Europa League berth.

Schalke 04 moved up to third with a 2-0 win at home to Bayer Leverkusen on Saturday as Dutch striker Klaas-Jan Huntelaar scored with headers either side of half-time.

142 pounds.

The 24-year-old Garcia won the fight on all three judges scorecards, 116-112, 117-110 and 118-109.

Garcia was the more aggressive of the two throughout the fight, knocking the 35-year-old Morales down in the 11th round with a stinging left hook to the chin.

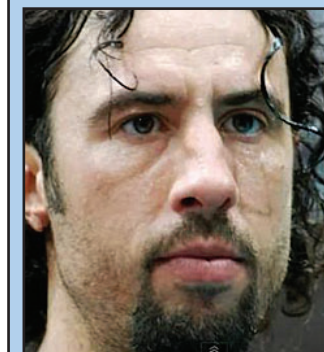
Garcia, who fought the final few rounds with a bloody nose, raised his record to 23-0 with 14 KOs.

Garcia weighed in at 139.5 pounds for his first title fight. He needed to defeat Morales in order to claim the crown. Any other result would have left the title vacant.

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Ex-Italy international volleyball player Bovolento dies on court



ROME (AFP) - Ex-Italy international Vigor Bovolento collapsed on court and died of a heart-attack during a second division match on Saturday, Italian news reported.

The 37-year-old complained of feeling dizzy and asked for help before falling down and losing consciousness, a witness reported. He was given heart-massage on court before emergency services were called but never regained consciousness.

He left behind a wife and four children. Bovolento won the Olympic Games with Italy in 1996 and added the World Championships, two European Championships and four World League titles over an impressive career spanning more than 12 years.

Murray into Miami last 16 as Raonic pulls out

MIAMI (AFP) - World number four Andy Murray reached the Miami Masters last 16 on Sunday without hitting a ball when third round opponent Milos Raonic withdrew with a right ankle injury.

The 24-year-old Scot will tackle either French 13th seed Gilles Simon or Jurgen Melzer, the 22nd-seeded Austrian, for a place in the quarter-finals of a tournament he won in 2009.

Highly-regarded Canadian 26th seed Raonic had already been forced to pull out of the



doubles on Saturday where he and South African partner Kevin Anderson had man-

aged just three games against Michael Llodra and Nenad Zimonjic.

The 21-year-old Raonic had been in a rich vein of form in 2012, winning titles in Chennai and San Jose and making the final in Memphis.

At Indian Wells last week, he was knocked out in the third round by eventual champion Roger Federer.

Bulgaria's Grigor Dimitrov recorded his first victory over a top 10 player when he beat seventh-seeded Czech Tomas Berdych 6-3, 2-6, 6-4 in two hours and 16 minutes.

Juve beat Inter to hang onto Milan's tail

TURIN, Italy (AFP) - Juventus beat arch rivals Inter Milan 2-0 in Turin on Sunday to keep the pressure on AC Milan at the top of the Serie A table.

Second-half goals from Martin Caceres and veteran Alessandro Del Piero did the damage after the visitors had enjoyed the better of the first period.

Juve closed back to four points behind Milan, who beat Roma 2-1 on Saturday.

"It was a special match because historically it's also a particular game," said goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon, who made a number of crucial stops in the first half.

"On top of that we still had the hope of making life difficult for those above us.

"Obviously if we hadn't won we'd probably have been finished. That way we had an extra stimulus to finish the season well."

The defeat means Inter, who have just one win in their last 10 league encounters, are down in eighth and still three points behind a Europa League finish.

"I regret that we played well for an hour and then conceded a goal from a set piece," said Inter coach Claudio Ranieri.

"It was our umpteenth lack of attention, leaving Caceres alone.

"That ended our match, they got better and we didn't have the force and determination to fight back as we did in the first half."

With one side desperate to keep hold of Milan's coat-tails and the other in need of a win to boost their European qualification chances, both sides went all out for the win.

"It's a vital win which improves our Champions League hopes," said Giovanni Lopez, the assistant to coach Edy Reja, who spent the game in the stands serving a one-game ban.

Napoli coach Walter Maz-

zarri was furious his side had blown a two-goal lead.

"I'm very angry," he said. "We thought the game was over. We were feeble at 2-0.

"They could have finished off the game but we didn't. Sometimes we're naive, we're children."

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West Brom Hodgson up for England

LONDON (AFP) - West Brom manager Roy Hodgson says he would jump at the chance to manage England if offered the chance to replace Fabio Capello by the Football Association.

"I don't know that (the England manager's job) is an ambition as such," the former Liverpool boss told talkSPORT on Sunday.

"It would be an honour of course if ever the offer came my way, because it's the pinnacle of success in a way and certainly of coaching success if you are ever invited to

manage your own country."

Asked if he would take the job if offered it, Hodgson said: "Of course, I think that anyone would."

The former Liverpool boss has helped transform West Brom's fortunes since taking over the helm 15 months ago, with his club now virtually assured of topflight football for a third straight season.

While Tottenham's Harry Redknapp is the bookmakers' favourite for the job, Hodgson is next in the betting and is as short as 7/2 to land the post.



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Castroneves wins IndyCar season opener



ST PETERSBURG, FL - Helio Castroneves of Brazil, driver of the #3 Shell V-Power/Pennzoil Ultra Team Penske, celebrates winning the IZOD IndyCar Series Honda Grand Prix of St Petersburg yesterday, in St Petersburg, Florida. Scott Dixon finished 2nd.

Tiger Woods ends 30-month title drought



ORLANDO, Florida (AFP) - Tiger Woods won the Arnold Palmer Invitational at the Bay Hill golf course Sunday with a five shot victory over Graeme McDowell. It marked the first PGA Tour victory for Woods in 30 months, ending a drought that coincided with the personal turmoil that followed a 2009 sex scandal. Tiger Woods won the Arnold Palmer Invitational at the Bay Hill golf course Sunday with a five shot victory over Graeme McDowell. England's Ian Poulter finished in third seven shots behind Woods, while South Africa's Ernie Els was part of a group of seven golfers who tied for fourth

France picks 29 swimmers for Olympics

DUNKIRK, France (AFP) - France wound up its national swimming championships on Sunday, choosing 29 swimmers to represent the country at the London Olympics.

Anthony Pannier and Damien Joly were the final qualifiers for the Games, after taking first and second place in the final of the 1,500m freestyle.

Twenty-three-year-old Pannier touched first in 15:01.43 -- the fourth-quickest time of the year, ahead of Joly, who swam the fifth-quickest in 15:02.43. European champion Sebastien Rouault was third and misses

out on an Olympics berth.

Rouault had previously failed to qualify in the 400m freestyle.

France's team includes 2004 Olympic champion Laure Manaudou, who goes in the 100m and 200m backstroke.

Beijing 100m freestyle champion Alain Bernard, who missed out on the individual events, was named as a replacement in the relays.

Manaudou had wanted to cede her place for the 200m to her friend Cloe Credeville, who came third in the trials but the head of French swimming on Sunday ruled out the possibility.

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